

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 be reconsidered for allowance in view of this Amendment and these Remarks.

The drawings were objected to for not showing certain features recited in claims 2, 4 and 9. However, claims 2, 4 and 9 have been cancelled, thus, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mollhagen ('073) in view of Ono and Prem. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mollhagen ('073) in view of Ono and Prem and further in view of Altherr. Claim 6 was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claims 2, 4, 6 and 9 are cancelled herein, and claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 6.

Thus, amended claim 1 should be allowed because it is essentially claim 6 in independent form.

Claims 5, 7 and 8 should be allowed because they now depend directly from allowable amended claim 1.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Any fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present paper may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

Respectfully,

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